

# PRAYER GUIDE

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO P.R.A.Y.

*Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> - 6A Grace Moms*  
*Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> - 6A and Noon*  
*Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - Noon*

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## WISDOM'S LIVING Well in ECCLESIASTES Chapters 9-11

### “P” PAUSE

(Slowing and Centering, Silence, Stillness, and Waiting)

**Pause** - *Lord, as we enter our prayer time now, we pause to be still; to breathe slowly and to re-center our scattered senses upon Your presence.*

Prayer of Approach – Creator God, who formed humanity from dust, breathe in us again. Revive us and sanctify us by Your power, Holy Spirit. Set our hearts on fire with the good news of Your gospel, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### “R” REJOICE and REFLECT

(Adoration and Thanksgiving)

#### **Pause, Reflect and Rejoice quietly on this truth**

We choose to rejoice in God's truth of wisdom today, from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth, in 1 Corinthians, chapter 1, v30-31

*It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

We rejoice in the words that our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, gave to his disciples and applies to us today in Acts 1v6-11, The Ascension -

*So, when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.*

## **“A” ASK**

(Presenting our Needs/Hurts/Laments/Requests to the Lord)

Pastor Rich said the writer of Ecclesiastes shows some of the things a foolish person will do. A foolish person is: Lazy (4:5) - has a bad temper (7:10), - speaks before they think (10:13a), - lacks self-control and self-discipline (7:4b) and talks more than they listen (10:14a). Are you exhibiting “foolishness” in any of these ways? Is that helping your life or hurting your life, helping those around you or hurting those around you?

Pastor Rich also gave 3 reasons to still live wisely:

1. It means foolishness is not the only game in town.
2. It points us to our Savior.
3. It reminds us of our need for a Savior.

Which of these is the Holy Spirit hi-lighting for you? 7. Do you feel led to do anything after today’s message and/or discussion?

Share and pray – as we approach Pentecost Sunday – ask the Holy Spirit to give us power to be wise and to not make foolish decisions and choices. Pray for each other.

Pray that we will be wise to receive the power of the Holy Spirit, to be His witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

## **“Y” YIELD**

(Surrender, Contemplation and Listening)

**YIELDING PRAYER** – from Pastor Rich’s benediction on 4/14/24

May the God go before you, to guide you.  
May God go behind you, to protect you.  
May God go beneath you, to support you.  
May God walk alongside you, to befriend you.  
Be not afraid.  
May the blessing of Almighty God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Descend upon you, settle in around you, and make its very home in you.  
Be not afraid.  
Go in peace. Remember who you are;  
God’s Beloved. - Amen

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

*As Jesus taught us, so we pray...*

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.